



# Family Court Project

Vanderburgh/Davies/Pike/Vigo

## Basic Information

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| Population:                     | 181,398 (Vanderburgh)    |
| County Seat:                    | Evansville               |
| Judicial Officers:              | 8 Judges & 6 Magistrates |
| Date of Project Implementation: | January 2008             |
| Project Judge/s:                | Hon. Mary Margaret Lloyd |
| Administrative Contact:         | Scott Wylie              |
| Project Funding:                | \$12,000                 |

## Family Court Mission Statement

Please provide a mission statement for your Family Court Programming

The Family Law Clinic for Self-Represented Litigants helps low-income people who are unable to obtain legal representation to successfully complete domestic relations matters in the Vanderburgh County Courts. It does this by assisting with the selection and completion of Supreme Court approved court forms as well as referrals for low/no cost mediation, family counseling, supervised parenting time, and other social services.

## Family Court Programming

Please provide a description your Family Court Programming

The Family Law Clinic for Self-Represented Litigants helps low-income people with certain types of family law or guardianship cases before a Vanderburgh County Court. Clinic participants must meet strict financial eligibility standards set by the federal government and not own substantial property. The Clinic helps in the selection and completion of Supreme Court approved court forms and provides referrals as appropriate. Specifically:

- Assistance in selection and completion of court forms:
  - Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce)
  - Petition for Contempt for Violation of Existing Orders
  - Petition for Modification of Support and/or Custody
  - Emancipation of a Minor
  - Child Support Worksheet/Parenting Time Issues

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- Referral to no/low cost Mediation Services (if appropriate)
- Referral to no/low cost Family Counseling (if appropriate)
- Referral to no/low cost Supervised Parenting Time Services (if appropriate)
- Referral to a variety of community social services

The Clinic also assists the Courts by providing limited case management assistance to Clinic participants and information sharing regarding multiple cases involving participants.

In our surrounding counties, we offer periodic clinics using the same model, albeit with fewer auxiliary services.

### **Number of Families Served**

Please provide an estimate of the number of families served through the Family Court Programming

134 Families in 2013